



**Scoping Document
May 5, 2010**

Small Project Proposal

**USDA Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache
National Forest
Ogden Ranger District**

**Comments Due:
June 4, 2010**

The Purpose of this Scoping Document

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a project we are proposing for the Ogden Ranger District. The environmental effects of the proposed project are being analyzed by Forest resource specialists (including water, soils, wildlife, cultural resources, visuals, recreation, and fisheries). We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding this proposal.

The Ogden Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that this proposal falls within the category of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220.6 (and Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15) that can be excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the category. The following provides a brief project description and contact information. Additional information on the project is available from the Ogden Ranger District.

What project is being proposed?

The following project is proposed for implementation on the Ogden Ranger District. The information below gives you the **general** location and provides a **brief** summary of the project. **If you have questions or want more information please contact the project manager listed, at the Ogden Ranger District Office.**

1. UCAN Red Spur Communication Site Special Use Permit

Project Manager: Robbin Redman

Location: Red Spur Mountain

Legal Description: T 10 N, R 5 E, Section 5

Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6 (e) (3)

The proposal is to issue a Special Use Permit to the Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN) to reconstruct an electronic communications site on Red Spur Mountain. The non-commercial communications site will be used cooperatively by UCAN, the US Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The site previously housed an old Forest Service communications site that was removed in 2004. The project would consist of installation of a 12x24-foot building, a solar panel, and an 80-foot tower, all housed within a security fence. The affected area would be less than 1 acre.

Preliminary Issues

1. Effects to the human environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, air quality, scenery, and recreation)
2. Effects on Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species, including plants, fish, and wildlife

What is the Decision to be made?

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement the proposed project and if so, to what specification, level or degree.

Who will make the Decision?

The District Ranger is the official responsible for making the decision. The project would be implemented beginning in summer/fall 2010.

When do we need your Response?

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments on the above projects should be received by **June 4, 2010**. Written comments may be submitted to District Ranger, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401, fax number 801-625-5914. The office business hours for hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments may be provided at the Ogden Ranger District office during normal business hours via telephone (801) 625-5112 or in person. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-intermtm-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



ROBBIN REDMAN
Ogden District Ranger

May 5, 2010

Date